

wish Mighty Mo a heartfelt hau'oli la hanau, happy birthday, and many more to come. Mahalo.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 50 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

Reverend Jacob Isaac Pack, Beckley United Pentecostal Church, Beckley, West Virginia, offered the following prayer:

Lord God, today we want to say thank You. Thank You, Lord, for allowing us to be a part of something bigger than ourselves. Thank You, God, for trusting us with this awesome responsibility of continuing the proud traditions of this great Nation. We thank You, Lord, for the heritage of sacrifice that has been passed down by those who have come before us.

Father, as we endeavor to continue in that noble heritage, we ask You for Your wisdom and Your guidance. We ask You to grant unity to Your people and oneness of purpose. We ask that Your presence reside among all of the men and women here today who rise to the tasks of both leadership and service. We reverently ask that the results of our work bring peace, prosperity, and safety to all who are entrusted in our care.

In the name of Jesus, we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia. Madam Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia. Madam Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

WELCOMING REVEREND JACOB ISAAC PACK

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from West Virginia (Mr. MOONEY) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to welcome Reverend Jacob Isaac Pack from Putnam County in my district as the guest chaplain today. Reverend Pack is an ordained minister with the United Pentecostal Church International and currently serves as the pastor of Beckley United Pentecostal Church.

Over the 20 years that he has been involved in ministry, Reverend Pack has served local congregations as well as in State and national offices of the United Pentecostal Church. Reverend Pack serves as the West Virginia-Western Maryland District Sunday school director and on the National Sunday School Committee.

Reverend Pack is actively involved in the public service sector with his position as the executive director of the Kanawha Public Service District, also in my congressional district. He serves in his local community as the vice president of the Putnam County Planning Commission.

Reverend Pack and his fabulous wife, Tiffany, have three wonderful children, Hayden, Jamison, and Juliette.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BROWN of Maryland). The Chair will entertain up to 15 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

HONORING HENRY PARHAM

(Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my constituents, Mr. Henry Parham, who is believed to be the last surviving African American combat veteran from D-day. Mr. Parham served in the 320th Barrage Balloon Battalion, the only African American combat unit to land in Normandy on June 6, 1944.

Men from the 320th were in the first waves to land on Omaha Beach that day. They had the vital task of preventing enemy aircraft from attacking the beaches where men in equipment were pouring ashore. Their balloons prevented enemy planes from making effective attacks, but the balloons also made excellent targets for enemy fire.

Back then, the Army, like most of American society, was segregated. Nevertheless, these African Americans risked their lives to serve their country, even as Blacks faced Jim Crow laws and racist violence back home.

Needless to say, the German bombs and bullets didn't discriminate. Two thousand Americans died on Omaha Beach that day, including men from the 320th. Many more were wounded.

I want to recognize Henry Parham from the 320th Barrage Balloon Battalion for his heroic service to our country. I am very proud to represent Mr. Parham in Congress.

102 YEARS OF HONOR AT FORT JACKSON

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, last week was the 102nd anniversary and Victory Week at Fort Jackson in South Carolina.

Under the leadership of Brigadier General Milford Beagle, Jr., and Command Sergeant Major Jeremiah Gan, Fort Jackson is the bedrock for building readiness for all components of the Army.

This week, the Greater Columbia Region is being honored as a Great American Defense Communities Award recipient. The Columbia Chamber of Commerce, led by President Carl Blackstone and Chairman David Lockwood, provided the nomination, citing Fort Jackson, the South Carolina National Guard, and McEntire Joint Air Base.

Fort Jackson is the Nation's largest basic training base, conducting over half of the Army's basic combat training, with over 60,000 soldiers per year and with about 10,000 soldiers in basic combat training at any given time. Fort Jackson also trains more than 60 percent of all women entering the Army each year.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

CLIMATE HEALTH PROGRAM

(Mr. SCHNEIDER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, in Illinois, the spring rains have meant that less than one-half of the normal amount of corn had been planted this year. We are seeing catastrophic floods, record-setting tornadoes, and longer and more devastating fire seasons.

Climate change is not a future threat; it is a threat now, and we need to take urgent action. The decisions we make today will determine the future we leave to our children.

We also need to prepare for the consequences of climate change, which are already affecting our environment, our infrastructure, our economy, and, yes, even our health.

More frequent and intense heat waves are leading to higher rates of heat stroke. Warmer temperatures are also directly affecting vector-, food-, and waterborne diseases and causing longer allergy seasons.

We need to understand and prepare for these changes. That is why I led a letter to the House Appropriations Committee urging support for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Climate and Health Program to help our city and State health departments address and prepare for the effects of climate change.

I am pleased that funding for their important work has increased to \$15 million in this year's bill. I urge my colleagues to support this provision to help vulnerable communities adapt to the health threats of climate change.

CONDITIONS OF MIGRANT DETENTION FACILITIES ARE INHUMANE

(Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I am joined today by my colleagues to show our country the inhumane conditions of migrant detention facilities.

As a grandfather and an immigrant, my heart breaks every time another child dies in U.S. custody.

Migrants are escaping some of the harshest political and economic turmoil in Central America, only to have their children die once they arrive here. Like 1-year-old Mariee Juarez and her mother who fled domestic abuse in Guatemala, then she died in a U.S. hospital after receiving inadequate care.

We don't allow prisoners to die. How are we allowing children to die in Federal custody?

Last week, the inspector general of DHS confirmed what we already knew: Conditions are dangerous and unsanitary.

This is cruel and un-American. This cannot be the new normal. What the President is doing is anything but normal.

When Attorney General Sessions initiated this, it was a bad way to move forward.

Is this the message that President Trump wants to send the world, that the U.S. is where children come to die?

How many children must die before this administration acts?

CELEBRATING NATIONAL HOMEOWNERSHIP MONTH

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to ad-

dress the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, June is National Homeownership Month, and it is the time when we celebrate and recognize the many benefits of owning a home.

For generations of Americans, owning a home has been an essential element in achieving the American Dream. But since the Great Recession, we have seen homeownership rates dip to historic lows.

Young families often find themselves unable to save for a down payment or gain access to adequate credit, and that is especially true for those living in rural areas.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture places emphasis on helping rural Americans buy homes. USDA provides mortgage loan guarantees through partnerships with private-sector lenders to help low- to moderate-income rural home buyers. USDA has helped more than 4.4 million rural residents buy homes since the National Housing Act was passed 70 years ago.

Mr. Speaker, homeownership has widespread benefits: It fortifies communities, creates jobs, and strengthens the local businesses that support our towns.

I thank USDA for its commitment to providing affordable housing for rural Americans. By helping hardworking Americans achieve this dream, it provides a strong foundation for more prosperous rural communities.

AMERICA IS BETTER THAN THIS

(Mr. ESPAILLAT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, I have seen with my very own eyes the way migrants at the southern border, particularly children, are treated under U.S. custody. It is so appalling, we would not ever accept one of our own children being treated in such conditions in any country across the world. Young toddlers go days without proper hygiene, nutrition, or medical treatment.

These awful conditions have led to the deaths of minors at the hands of our government, like Felipe Gomez Alonzo, who was just 8 years old.

If this administration's plan is to mistreat refugees to prevent them from coming here, it clearly is not working. Just think, if they would rather risk this treatment than remain in their home countries, how bad must it be there?

America is better than this. We must treat immigrants better than this. We must treat refugees better than this. We must treat children better than this.

Mr. Speaker, the whole world is watching.

ADDRESSING HUMANITARIAN CHALLENGES FACED AT SOUTHERN BORDER

(Ms. ESCOBAR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. ESCOBAR. Mr. Speaker, on May 31, the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Inspector General published an alarming report that confirms the terrible consequences of the Trump administration's failure to truly address the humanitarian challenges we face at our southern border.

Instead of working with Congress and leaders in our hemisphere on addressing root causes and policy that represents America's values of compassion, the administration, instead, chooses cruelty.

As a result, agents and officers are overworked, exhausted, and frustrated. Communities like mine are stretched beyond capacity, and migrants are in inhumane conditions.

The photos and description of the conditions at the Paso Del Norte Processing Center in my district are beyond disturbing:

Migrants standing on toilets to make room and gain breathing space;

A cell with a maximum capacity of 35 holding 155 migrants;

Detainees wearing soiled clothing for days or weeks;

The list goes on.

I visited the PDN Processing Center when I was home this weekend, and one thing is clear: Congress must establish, and DHS must abide by, humanitarian standards. Not doing so is immoral and un-American.

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ICE SOLITARY CONFINEMENT

(Ms. GARCIA of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to condemn the inhumane treatment of immigrants at detention centers around the country.

Recently exposed documents paint a gruesome picture of ICE custodians abusing the practice of solitary confinement on immigration detainees. Often these detainees have not violated rules or shown dangerous behavior, but, in some instances, are being held in isolation because they are disabled or because they identify as gay.

Even under ICE's own guidelines, solitary confinement is a serious step that requires careful consideration of all alternatives. Yet, ICE is using this practice as a tool of first resort, not last resort. One detainee noted that the strain of the isolation made him lose his mind.

These reported cases reveal what we already feared: that this administration is committed to widespread abuse of human beings simply because of who they are and where they come from.

Mr. Speaker, I learned at an early age that we are all God's children. This is not the way to treat God's children.